[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance for Co-operative Spinning Mills

3813. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the number fo co-operative spinning mills which have sought financial assistance from the Union Government;

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to provide financial assistance to these mills;

(c) whether financial institution do not provide loans to the spinning mills; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) As per the information made available, National Co-operative Development Corporation (NCDC) has received 19 proposals of Co-operative Spinning Mills from the State Governments, seeking financial assistance during 1991-92.

(b) Out of the 19 proposals NCDC has sanctioned/or in the process of sanction, financial assistance to 14 units during 1991-92, involving an amount of Rs. 4671.06 lakhs. Two proposals from Karnataka were rejected by NCDC because sufficient cotton was not available and one proposal from Maharashtra was rejected as co-operative linkages with members were not existing. Two more proposals from Maharashtra are under consideration.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

[*English*]

White Paper on Structural Adjustment Loan

3814. DR. Y. S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to issue a white paper on the structural adjustment loans (SAL) from the World Bank;

(b) if so, when and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) The Letter of Development Policy on Structural Adjustment Loans (SAL) has been laid on the table of both the House of Parliament. Other documents relating to SAL have been placed in the Parliament Library for perusal of the Hon'ble Members.

[*Translation*]

Production of Rubber and Tea

3815. SHRI CHANDUBHAI DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of rubber and tea during the current year; and

(b) the extent to which the success has been achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Steps taken to increase

the production rubber of and tea are as follows:–

(1) Expanding the area under rubber and tea.

(2) Phased replanting of old and unecomic holdings.

(3) Producing more from existing plantations.

(b) Production of natural rubber is expected to reach 3,65,000 tonnes during 1991-92 as against 3,29,615 in 1990-91. Similarly the production of tea is expected to reach 741.72 million kgs. during 1991 as against a production of 714.67 million kgs. during 1990.

[*English*]

Construction of State Roads/Bridges in Madhya Pradesh

3816. KUMARI PUSHPA DEVI SINGH: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of State roads/bridges in Madhya Pradesh repaired/constructed with Central assistance during last three years; and

(b) the amount spent on the construction and maintenance of those roads and bridges?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b). During last three years, i. e. 1988-89 to 1990-91, no new work has been sanctioned under Centrally assisted Programme of Economic or inter-State Roads in Madhya Pradesh. However, an expenditure of Rs. 171.06 lakhs has been incurred during these last three years on the following approved works:–

1. Construction of Tandla limited road.
2. Construction of Jock River Bridges on Arange Nawapara Khatiya.
3. Construction of road from Banki Darri including Bridge on Ahirou River 11.50 Km.
4. Umri Kanwar Chorela Road length 13. 60 Km.
5. Udotgarh Kenjare road length 5.20 Km.
6. Machhand Ucha Madhogarh road length 7.00 Km.
7. Berod Magrol Parwati Adcodate to Tikoria length 3.26 Km.
8. Construction of Pali Peerghat Khimlasa Kanjia road length 38.5 Km. 43 culverts - 7 M. B.
9. Widening strengthening & Reconstruction on Gondia Balaghat Ukwa Birsa Road.

[*Translation*]

Amount Spent on Propagation of Hindi in Banks

3817. SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether huge amount is spent for propagation of Hindi in nationalised banks;

(b) if so, the amount spent under this 'head' by the end of the year 1991;

(c) whether these is misuse of the funds earmarked for the purpose; and

(d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?